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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, BG
SUBJ: POLITICAL DETAINEES; POST-MUTINY PUNISHMENTS

REF: A) DACCA 0924; B) DACCA 0925

1. AT SOCIAL EVENT FEBRUARY 26, DEPUTY ADVISOR FOR HOME AFFAIRS (I.E., HEAD OF MINISTRY AS PRESIDENT HOLDS PORTFOLIO HIMSELF), MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN TOLD POLCOUNSELOR THAT THERE WERE NOW 1037 POLITICAL DETAINEES BEING HELD IN BANGLADESH. HIS STATEMENT WAS THE RESULT OF AN EARLIER CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO ON FEBRUARY 16 PART OF WHICH WAS DEVOTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS. MUSTAFIZ OFFERED TO GET THE "CORRECT FIGURE" AS HE SAID HE WAS "SICK AND TIRED" OF "MISREPORTING" IN PRESS OUTSIDE BANGLADESH.

2. THIS FIGURE, OF COURSE, IS LOWER THAN THAT REPORTED BY NATIONAL SECURITY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR S.A. HAKIM (REFTEL B). IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS DIFFERENCE WITH MUSTAFIZ, BUT IN THE EARLIER CONVERSATION MUSTAFIZ HAD SAID THAT SOME SMUGGLERS WERE ALSO HELD WITHOUT TRIAL IN ATTEMPT
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TO DRY UP SMUGGLING OPERATIONS ALTHOUGH EVIDENCE WAS OFTEN CIRCUMSTANTIAL. SMUGGLERS WERE DETAINED WHILE POLICE TRIED TO GET MORE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

3. WE SO FAR HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF MUTINEERS EXECUTED FOLLOWING OCTOBER 2 EVENTS. THIS IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT AND ANSWER

MAY NOT BE OBTAINABLE THROUGH USUAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS.

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